

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution - Lee S. Meyers

**FOR:** JUNE 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Frank

**SUMMARY:**

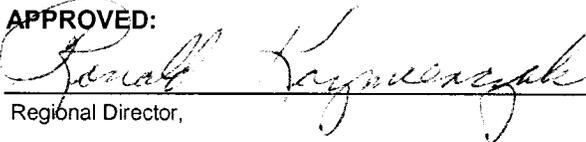
Lee S. Meyers retired after 32 years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Retirement Resolution for Lee Meyers

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo                                       | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

**APPROVED:**

  
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 Regional Director,

5/5/08  
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 Administrator,  
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 Secretary, Matt Frank

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6/19/08  
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cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5

## ***Retirement Resolution***

Lee S. Meyers retired from the Department of Natural Resources on June 8, 2007 after completing over 32 years of dedicated service to the people of the State of Wisconsin. On April 28, 1975 Lee was hired as a seasonal permanent Fisheries Assistant, working for the District Fisheries Biologist as a crew leader conducting Waters Classification Lake and stream surveys in Marinette, Oconto and Shawano Counties. During this period Lee conducted comprehensive surveys on 50 streams, summarized the data and wrote 25 management reports which recommended the trout classification, habitat improvement needs, land acquisition priority, and water quality protection. Many of the reports are still used as bench marks. Lee conducted and published one of the first trout stream creel surveys in Wisconsin that estimated fishing pressure and harvest on an inland stream.

On March 13, 1977 Lee was promoted to Assistant Fisheries Biologist in the Oshkosh Area and managed the fish populations of the Lake Winnebago system. Lee conducted surveys and studies on the major fisheries including lake sturgeon, walleye, northern pike, catfish, white bass, carp, smallmouth bass. In 1977, there was no Water Regulation Specialist stationed at Oshkosh, so Lee conducted many of the Water Regulation permit inspections and wrote 50 permit reports. Lee was heavily involved in public relations and answered telephone calls, gave public presentations, and conducted newspaper, radio and TV interviews.

On May 13, 1984 Lee was promoted to District Fisheries Biologist at the Lake Michigan District Office in Green Bay. Lee assisted the Fish Staff Specialist and Program Supervisor with the administration of the fisheries program for northeast Wisconsin. This included development of fisheries work plans and budgets for the district. Lee was assigned to specific areas of the program, which included oversight of the inland Trout Stamp program for major trout stream habitat development projects, land acquisition and land maintenance activities. Lee maintained a district fish library and disseminated pertinent new fish research findings to keep local staff abreast of the latest techniques and management actions. Lee conducted studies and published "peer-reviewed" technical reports on lake sturgeon, brown trout and white bass. A notable publication was "Seasonal Brown Trout Movements in Northeast Wisconsin" which illustrated that inland trout will utilize the entire watershed during different seasons if not limited by barriers such as dams. Lee wrote many department reports on trout stream fisheries, lake surveys, smallmouth bass, the impact of dams and dam removal, and water quality impacts on the fish of the lower Fox River. Lee assisted with the annual District Operations work schedule that helped organize equipment and personnel for major work projects throughout the district. Lee distributed and maintained the Angler Education equipment for the region. Lee represented fisheries on many integrated projects that included serving as Chair of the Biota Committee for the Green Bay Remedial Action Plan. Lee was co-author of the report which led to Department remediation actions on the Lower Fox River and Green Bay such as the west shore wetlands project and reintroduction of the Great Lakes strain muskellunge.

On June 4, 2000 Lee became the Regional Fisheries Expert and represented the Northeast Region fish program on the Fisheries Board that set statewide fisheries budgets, reviewed personnel changes and guided the regions fisheries program. Lee was a Policy member of the Lake Michigan Fisheries Team. Lee often set up the annual Region Fisheries Team meetings and assisted with statewide fish meetings. Lee continued to conduct field studies, presented talks at Department meetings, and presented professional papers at the American Fisheries Society meetings. Over his career, Lee never hesitated to help where needed with Wisconsin's fisheries program.

***WHEREAS***, Lee S. Meyers has served the people of the State of Wisconsin faithfully and well in the performance of duties and has thus earned the commendation due an exemplary public employee;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, the Natural Resources Board at its June 2008 meeting at Waupaca, Wisconsin, recognizes such faithful service with due respect and gratitude, and hereby makes this commendation a part of its official records.

*Natural Resources Board*

Christine Thomas, CHAIR